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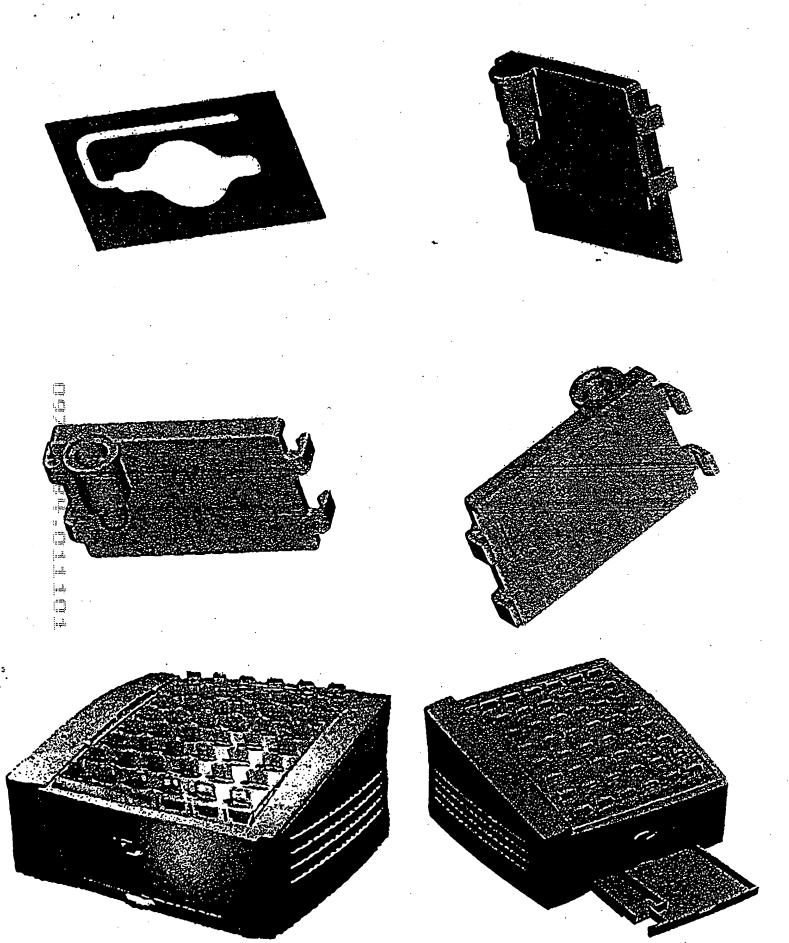
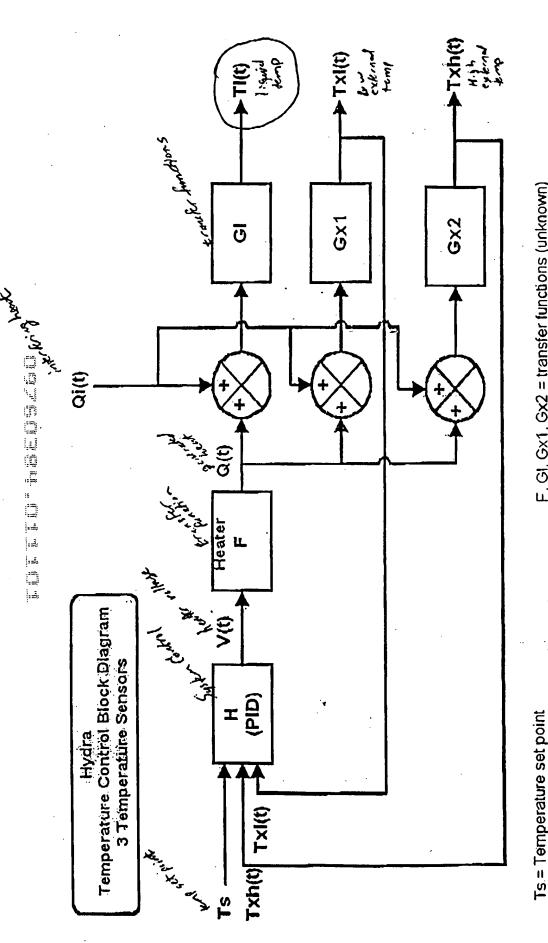


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F, GI, Gx1, Gx2 = transfer functions (unknown) H = system control function (tbd)

Txl = Xternal temperature1, low (measured) Tx2 = Xternal temperature 2, high (measured)

T = Liquid temperature (desired)

V(t) = Heater voltage (driven)

Q(t) = Generated heat (driven) Qi(t) = Interfering heat (unknown)

## **Board Assembly**

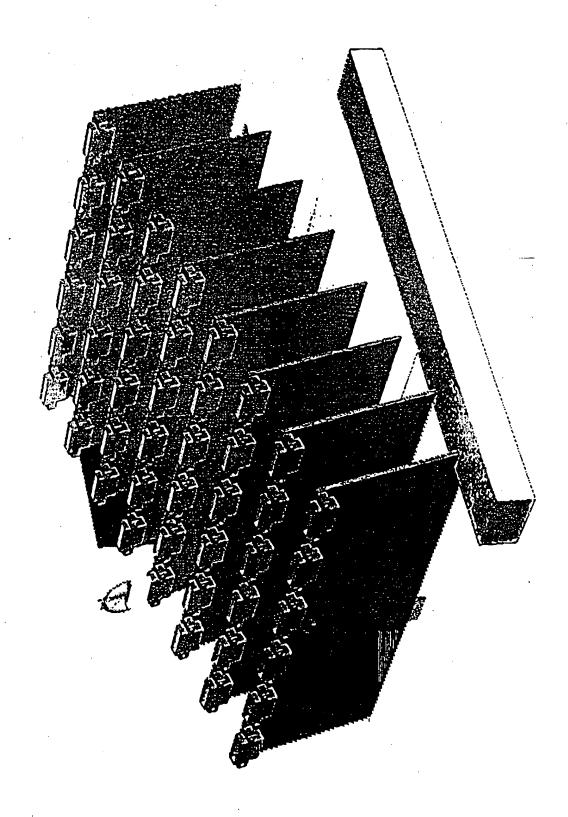
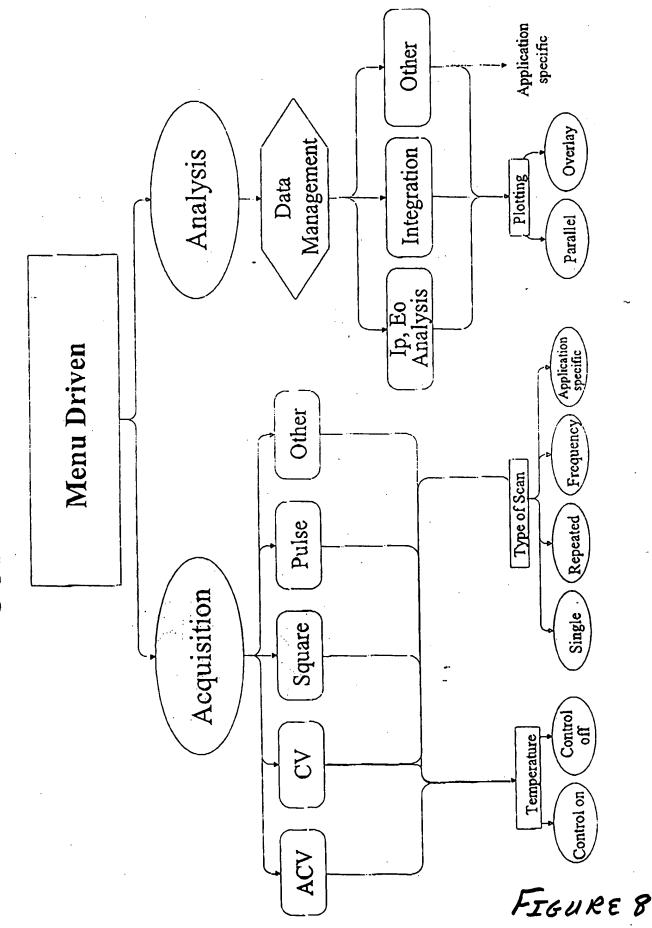


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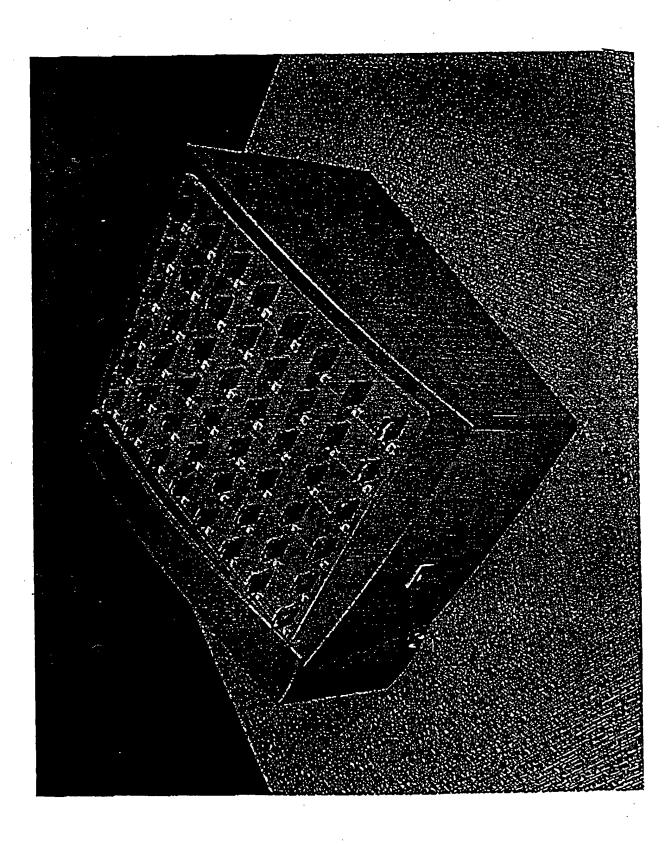
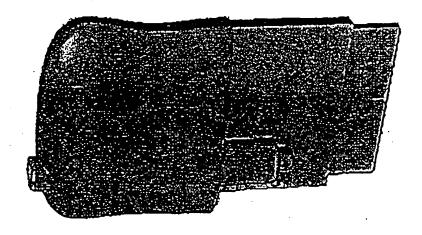
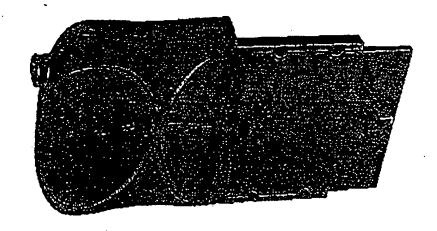


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Bar coded "reference" sheet, stored in tray under unit, with bar coded protocols, bar coded well and slot id's, bar coded commands (e.g. "cancel", "done", etc.)

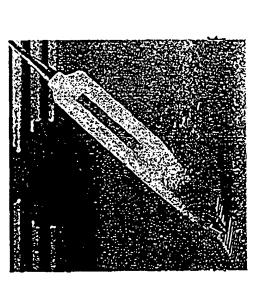
Standard bar code wand (preferably with built-in decoder), housed in the tray (hence hidden when not in use)

Serial (RS-232/485) interface (preferred), or "keyboard wedge"

Multi-code support (Code 39, Code 128, etc.)

Bar code on chip carrier (1 code per "8 pack"), identifying test, batch, etc.

Peel off labels, with same code as on carrier, with each "8 pack"



- Bar code usage scenario
- User fills "8-pack" (all 8, or partially) from a 96 well plate, or from individual sample containers (PCR tubes, vaccutainers, etc.)
- Pull out tray (with bar code reference sheet) and grab wand
- Scan "start" code
- Scan protocol code from sheet (will remain in effect until "done" is scanned)
- Scan chip code from carrier (will remain in effect until "done" is scanned)
- For each cartridge, user will
- ☐ insert the cartridge in an open slot. Unit senses new chip automatically
- ☐ scan the sample ID by either
- scanning 96 well plate bar code from plate and well code from sheet
- or scanning unique sample ID from container
- or scanning "ho ID" from reference sheet
- Scan "done" code. The protocol can now be started on these cartridges

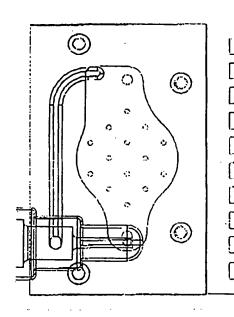
## Bar code concept benefits

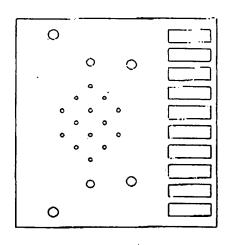
- No keyboard entry (all routine setup can be entered via bar codihd)
- All routine entries accomplished while in front of unit (no going back & forth between PC & Hydra)
- All bar code entries done from small, flat surface in front of unit
- No need to label each chip or each slot (which would compromise appearance)
- Uses small unobtrusive bar code wand, hidden when not in use
- Is flexible with respect to sample container (tube, 96 well plate, etc.), chip usage (by row of 8, or by individual chip), and lab bar coding method

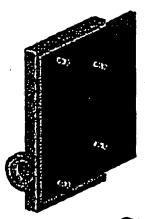
"Oil can" concept (pressure feed, small sample volume)





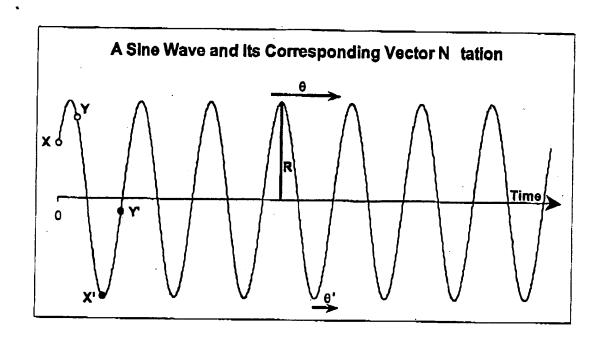






PCR tube concept (gravity feed, large sample volume)





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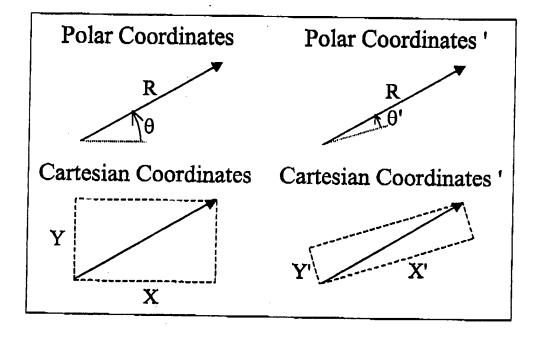
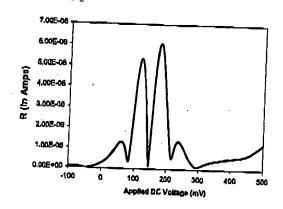
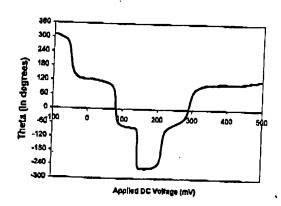
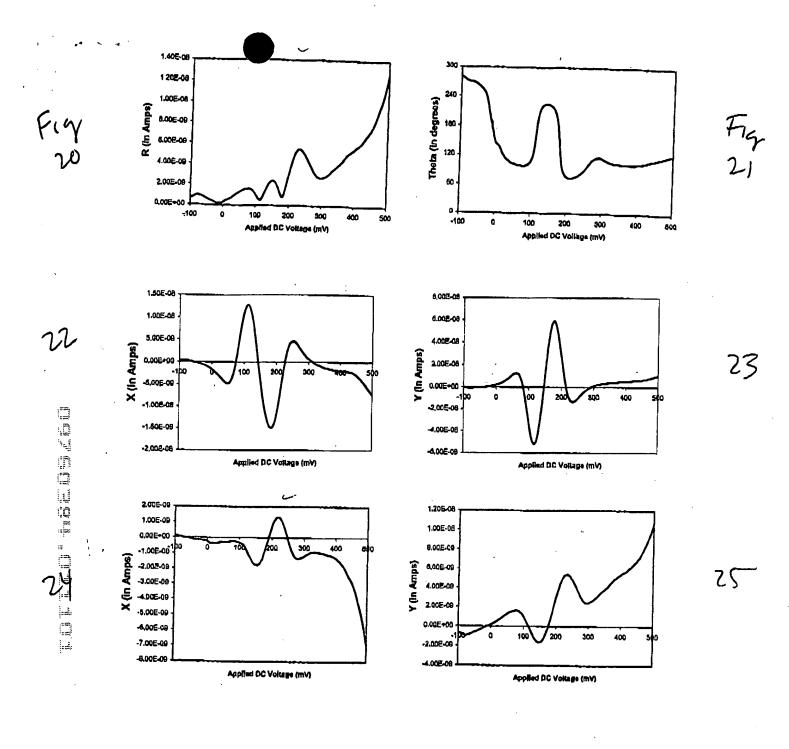


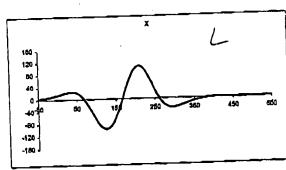
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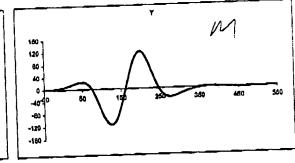




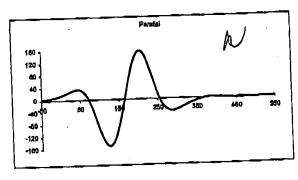
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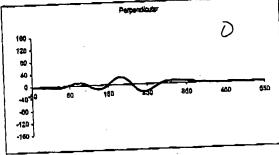


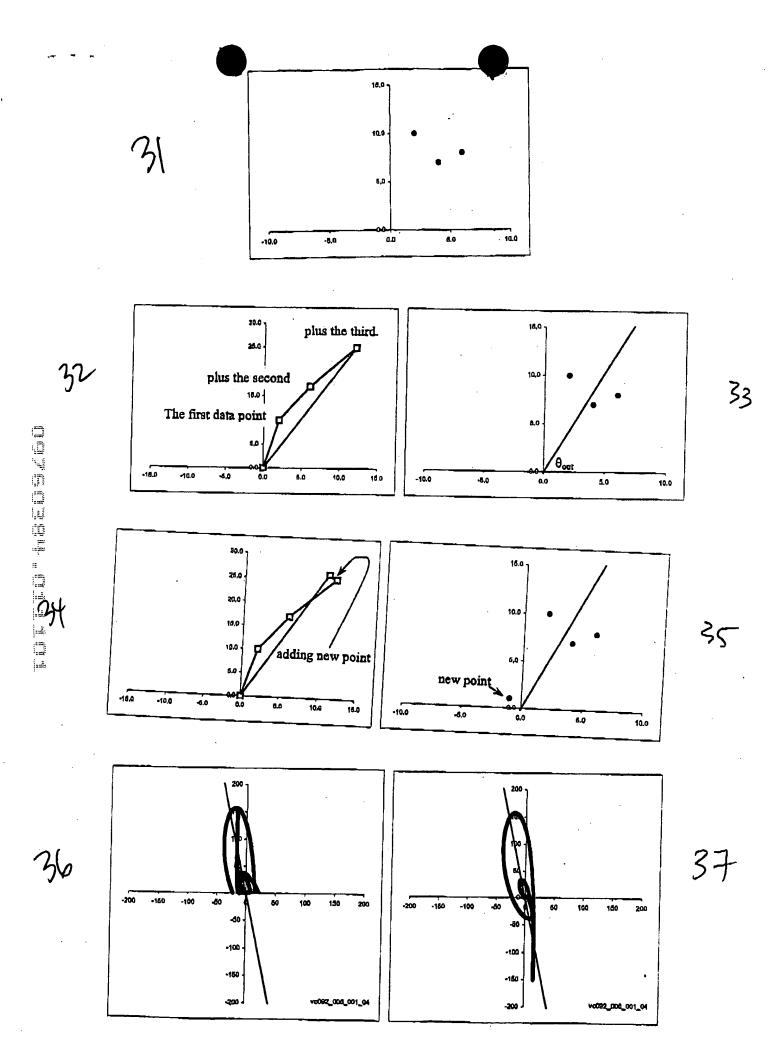


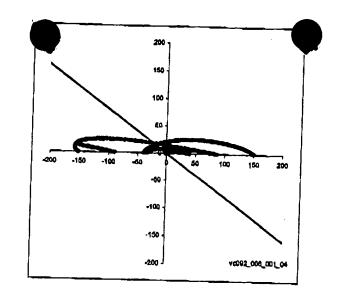


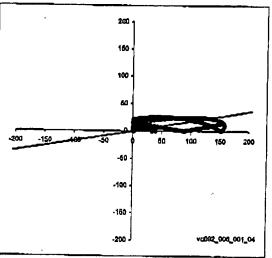
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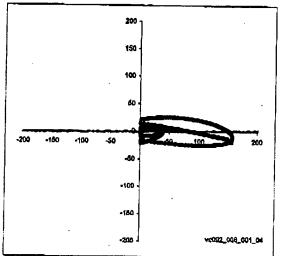


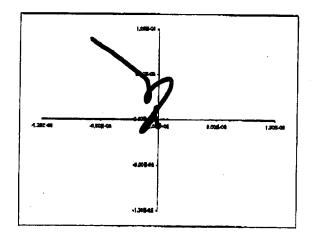


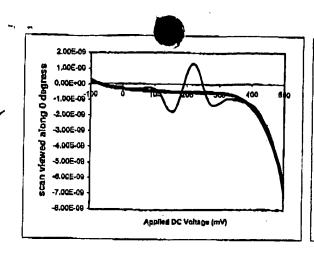


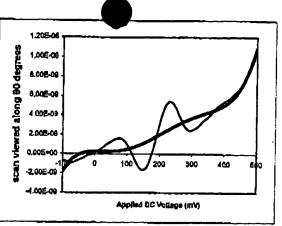


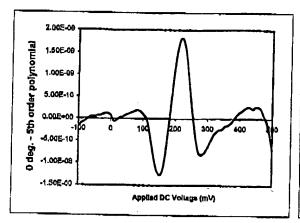


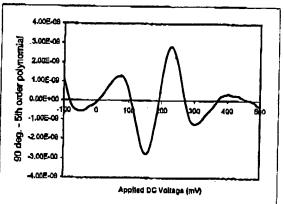


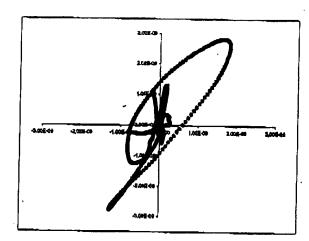


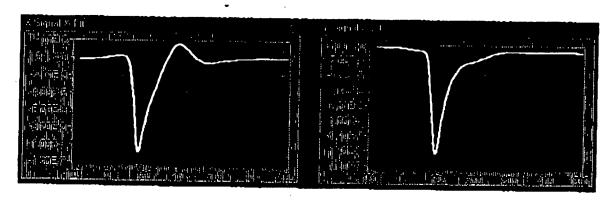












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